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**ORANGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION TO POSTHUMOUSLY HONOR
FORMER PRESIDENT DONALD GRAY WITH PRESTIGIOUS “WEST” AWARD**

Newport Beach – The highest honor awarded by the Orange County Bar Association will be presented posthumously to Donald S. Gray on January 21, 2010 at the OCBA Judges’ Night and Annual Meeting taking place at the Westin South Coast Plaza, Costa Mesa.

Donald Gray was president of the OCBA in 1999 and Vice President and General Counsel of Toshiba America Information Systems for over 23 years. He served on numerous committees and task forces for the OCBA.

OCBA President Michael Yoder wrote in a recent column in *Orange County Lawyer*, “Don’s imprint on the Orange County legal community will be lasting, and it has been significant.” “Don Gray is a man who has indeed left a legacy. A legacy of leadership. A legacy of compassion. A legacy of doing.” Don Gray will be posthumously honored as the 40th Franklin G. West Award Recipient.

The Franklin G. West Award is bestowed upon an outstanding attorney or judge who has made significant contributions to advance and elevate justice and law. The award was established in 1971 in memory of the late Judge Franklin G. West, a highly respected jurist who served on the bench from January 1939 to March 1965. Judge West’s 26 years and two months on the bench constituted the longest term ever served by a judge in California.

The Orange County Bar Association, established in 1901, is one of the largest voluntary bars in California. The mission of the Orange County Bar Association is to enhance the system of justice, to support the lawyers who serve it and to assist the community served by it.

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